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Interview Summary

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Examiner

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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Date of Interview: 30 July 2009.Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conferencec) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: ____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1, 5, and 6.Identification of prior art discussed: Hiraga, US 4,970,952; Bengtsson, US 4,858,526.Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The proposed combination of Hiraga and Bengtsson was discussed. The examiner stated that the last paragraph of claim 1 appeared to be obvious over the combination, and suggested some additional structural definition of the apparatus, to supplement the functional description of the structure.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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/Leo T Hinze/
Examiner, Art Unit 2854